

App. No. 09/251,781  
Amdt. Dated February 6, 2004

### REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-21, 35, and 36 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-17 were cancelled in the preliminary amendment accompanying the national stage filing of this application on June 9, 1999.

Claims 22-34 were withdrawn in the Amendment in Response dated January 22, 2001 to the Office Action dated 9/21/2000.

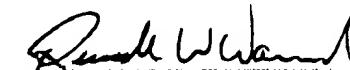
A new independent claim 35 and a new independent claim 36 are submitted herewith.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the opportunity to discuss the present application on February 4, 2004. In connection with that discussion, new Independent claim 35 was discussed and Applicant noted that this claim would be submitted for consideration on the merits. Applicant has also submitted a new independent claim 36 for consideration on the merits.

Applicant [REDACTED] believes that claims 18 – 21, 35, and 36 are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration as well of the currently withdrawn claims 22 - 34. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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